

Rescuing Golden Retrievers and changing their lives forever.

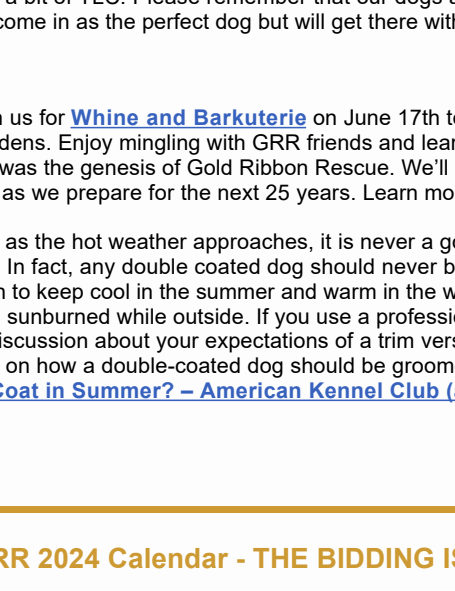


Golden Tales



June 2023

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

It is hard to believe that 2023 is almost half over. It feels like it has been raining Golden Retrievers as we have received more calls from owner surrenders in the past 60 days than we have in quite some time. Several trends that we are seeing this year:

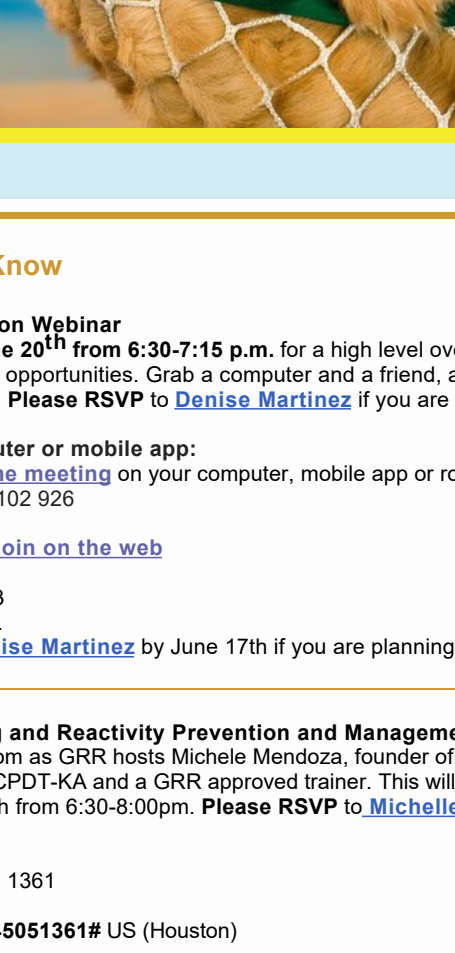
- We are on track to bring in 27% more dogs in 2023 than 2022.
- The majority of owner surrendered dogs are under age 2 or over age 8.
- More incoming dogs have greater medical and training needs than in previous years.
- As summer approaches, foster and adopt applications slow down and the number of new incoming dogs grows. See The Perfect Storm article below.
- We have a need for foster homes and adopters who are ready-and-willing to adopt dogs that need a bit of TLC. Please remember that our dogs are rescue dogs that do not always come in as the perfect dog but will get there with your love and commitment.

We hope you can join us for **Whine and Barkuterie** on June 17th to celebrate GRR's 25 years of rescuing Golden Retrievers. Enjoy mingling with GRR friends and learn the amazing puppy mill rescue story that was the genesis of Gold Ribbon Rescue. We'll also spotlight key dogs and look ahead as we prepare for the next 25 years. Learn more and register. [LINK](#)

A quick reminder that as the hot weather approaches, it is never a good idea to shave your golden retriever. In fact, any double coated dog should never be shaved. The under coat acts as insulation to keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter. It also protects their skin from getting sunburned while outside. If you use a professional groomer, it is important to have a discussion about your expectations of a trim versus shaving the coat. Here is a good article on how a double-coated dog should be groomed: [Is It OK to Shave Your Dog's Coat in Summer? - American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)

Warm regards,
Michelle

The GRR 2024 Calendar - THE BIDDING IS OPEN



The GRR 2024 calendar auction is live!

Our auction runs from June 1 - 14, 2023

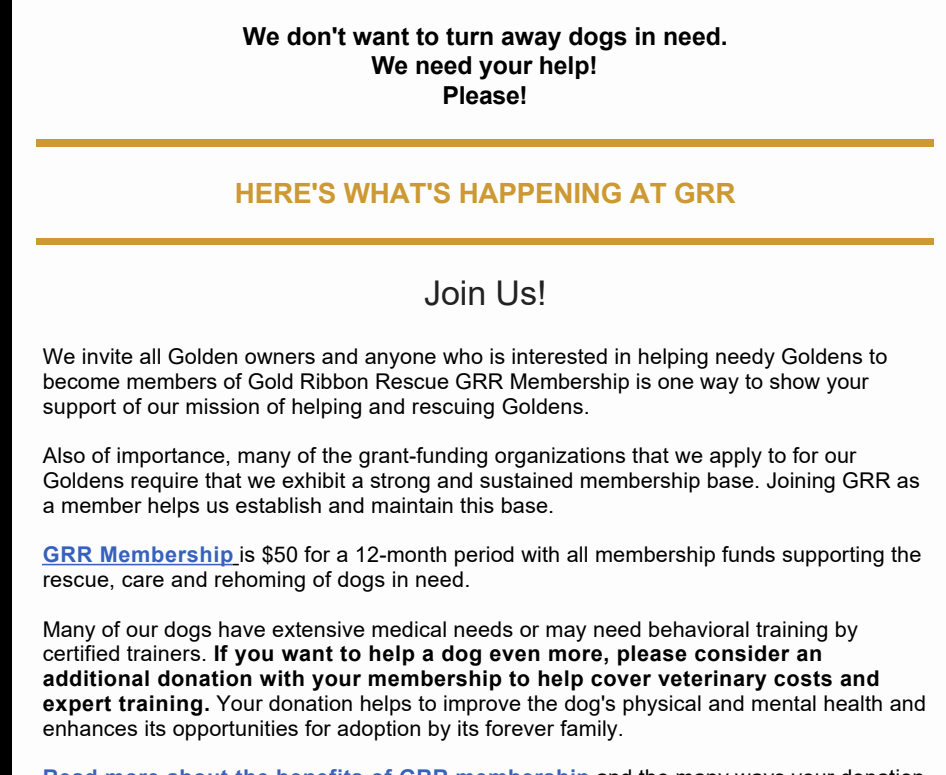
- You may bid for as many months as you like **at the same time**. Simply watch the bidding and update as you prefer.
- You may bid-out any month for \$550, or the cover for \$650. Months will bid-out quickly!
- There will be three thumbnails per month so select the month that is most meaningful to you and your dog. Thumbnails are \$30.
- As a reminder, there must be at least one Golden or GRR dog in your photo.

Best of all, 100% of the funds raised from the calendar auction directly support GRR Golden.

Click [here](#) to start your bidding or purchase a thumbnail.

Happy Bidding!

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!



The More You Know

Volunteer Orientation Webinar

Join us **Tuesday June 20th from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** for a high level overview of GRR and learn about volunteer opportunities. Grab a computer and a friend, a loved one, even your dog! All are welcome! **Please RSVP to [Denise Martinez](#)** if you are planning to attend.

Join on your computer or mobile app:

Click [here](#) to join the meeting on your computer, mobile app or room device.

Meeting ID: 221 548 102 926

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Download Teams | [Join on the web](#)

When: June 20, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Please RSVP to [Denise Martinez](#) by June 17th if you are planning on attending.

Resource Guarding and Reactivity Prevention and Management Webinar
Please join us via Zoom as GRR hosts Michele Mendoza, founder of Every Dog Behavior Training, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA and a GRR approved trainer. This will take place Wednesday June 28th from 6:30-8:00pm. **Please RSVP to [Michelle Goldberg](#)**.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 829 4505 1361

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When: June 23, 2023

Time: 8:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to [Michelle Goldberg](#) by June 25th if you are planning on attending.

The Gold Ribbon Rescue Summer Business Meeting
Mark your calendar! Our Summer Business Meeting will be held on July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Details and the location coming shortly.

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the [GRR Board](#) and include [Questions For The Board](#) in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **July 8, 2023**.

It's a Perfect Storm! - We Need Fosters and Adopters

It happens every summer. It's the perfect storm!

Summer is the time for weddings, vacations, long weekend getaways and graduations. The kids are out of school so it's the perfect time to head out vacation.

At GRR summer means:

- Foster homes aren't available
- Applications to adopt slow down
- The number of dogs needing our help increases.

So just when we need you, you aren't available. **If you are an approved foster and can help with fostering or respite this summer, please contact [Jacki](#) or [Joyce](#) right away.**

If you are interested in becoming a new foster or submitting an adoption application, please read our criteria to apply [here](#).

IF YOU QUALIFY - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE ASAP! The application to foster and adopt is the same. There is no application fee for a foster only application.

After reading our criteria, if you still have questions, please email our [adoption team](#).

We don't want to turn away dogs in need.

We need your help!

Please!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Join Us!

We invite all Golden owners and anyone who is interested in helping needy Golden to become members of Gold Ribbon Rescue GRR Membership is one way to show your support of our mission of helping and rescuing Golden.

Also of importance, many of the grant-funding organizations that we apply to for our Golden require that we exhibit a strong and sustained membership base. Joining GRR as a member helps establish and maintain this base.

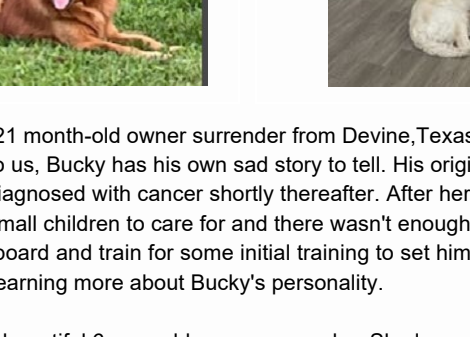
GRR Membership is \$50 for a 12-month period with all membership funds supporting the rescue, care and rehoming of dogs in need.

Many of our dogs have extensive medical needs or may need behavioral training by certified trainers. **If you want to help a dog even more, please consider an additional donation with your membership to help cover veterinary costs and expert training.** Your donation helps to improve the dog's physical and mental health and enhances its opportunities for adoption by its forever family.

[Read more about the benefits of GRR membership](#) and the many ways your donation helps our deserving dogs

Thank you for your support!

GRR 25th Anniversary Celebration



Cheers to 25 Years!

GRR's Whine and Barkuterie

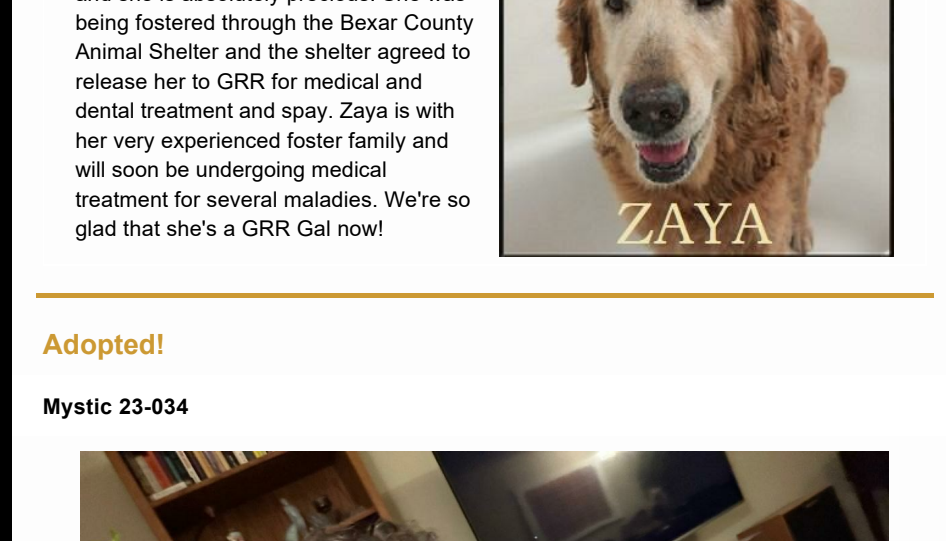
Saturday, June 17th - 7-9 pm

Join us for a fun evening honoring Gold Ribbon Rescue's 25th anniversary.

Sip, munch and mingle with friends and catch up on GRR happenings, as we look back over the past 25 years and focus on moving forward. GRR Founder Maura Phelan will share the amazing puppy mill rescue story that was the genesis of Gold Ribbon Rescue. We'll also spotlight key dogs and changes that we've made along the way and finally, we'll look ahead as we prepare for the next 25 years.

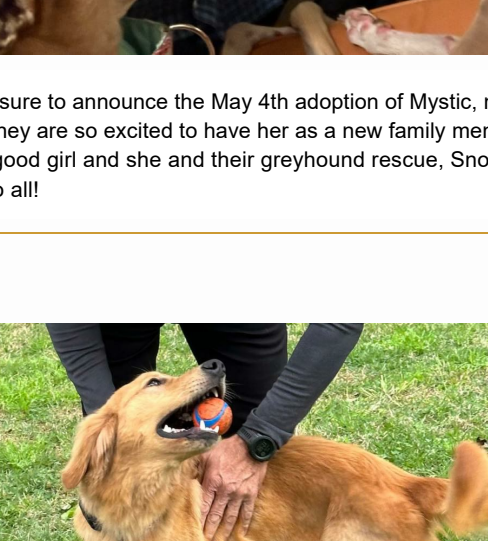
Let's have some fun and celebrate the 3500+ dogs that GRR has rescued over a span of 25 remarkable years.

[Learn more and make your reservations.](#)

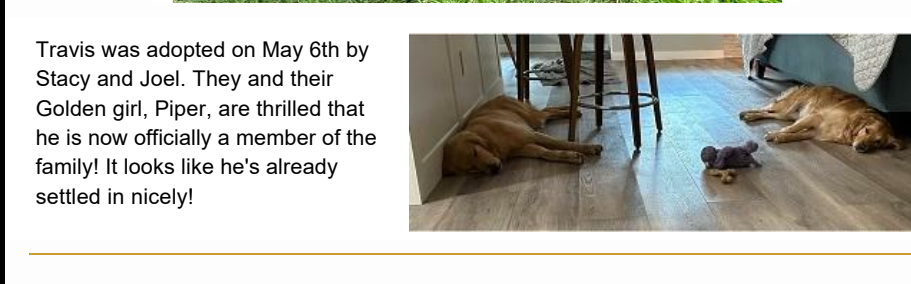


June 21st is the official start of summer so celebrate with 20% off our summer items and get ready for a Golden Summer. And don't forget Father's Day on June 18th. The sale continues through June 30th so be sure to get your order in early so that you're set for summer fun! [Order here.](#)

Paint Your Pet

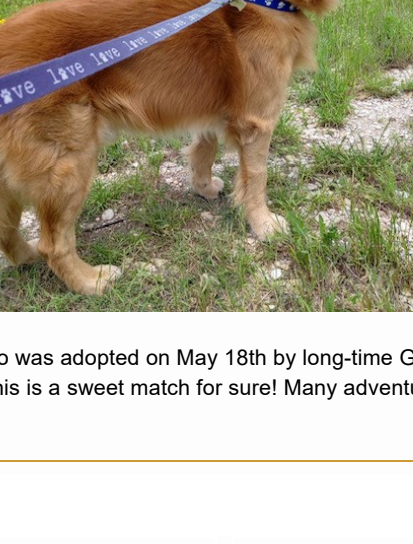


It was sold out! GRR "artists" gathered on May 21st for a fun afternoon of painting their Golden while enjoying laughs, munchies and wine. It was a huge success and everyone left with a 16"x20" canvas of their Golden. Can't wait until the next one!



NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

Spotlight on Ranger - 23-025



Sweet, eager-to-please, smart and enthusiastically best describe Ranger. This affectionate one and a half year-old boy is looking for a person or family as devoted to him as he will be to you. Ranger knows the basics and with a little time, effort, and TLC, will grow from an active teenager to an awesome adult!

Ranger has LOTS of energy and would be perfect for an active person or family, especially one who might take him dock diving or through agility training. He's currently learning scent work with his foster family to give him the mental stimulation he needs. Ranger wants to be busy! He is FAST and loves to run and jump!

Ranger isn't a good fit for a family with cats or small dogs - he's a little too interested! Kids over 12 are a plus! If you are looking for a dog with a zest for life, read [Ranger's Details](#).

For more information about Ranger, please contact [Michelle](#).

Look Who's Here!

Our May GRR Arrivals



23-039 Bronx is a one-year-old who is an owner surrender from the Cibola area. He was surrendered because, after being rehomed once due to a child's allergies, his current owner has a newborn in the NICU, spends most of her time at the hospital and doesn't have time for Bronx. Bronx had his first birthday on May 16th and we suspect that a loving, forever home will be his best birthday gift ever.

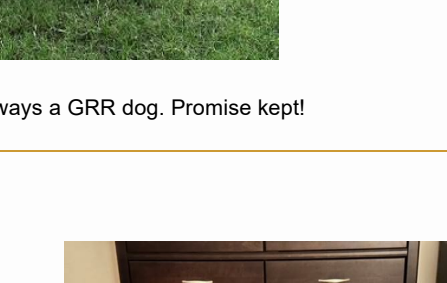
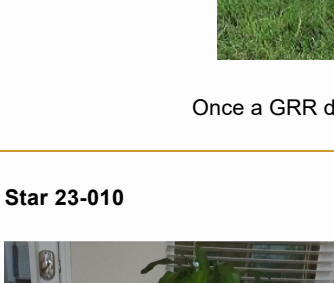
23-040 Manny is a three-year-old who was brought in his vet by his owner because he was limping. After the initial exam, it was determined that Manny pulled his ACL (or maybe both) and would require surgery and serious weight loss prior to surgery. The owners declined the surgery and requested that Manny be euthanized. The vet refused and contacted our friend, Jean for help. Manny is now with his GRR foster and losing weight in preparation for his surgery. He is a social boy and even with an ACL injury, he is running around and playing and can go for short, easy walks. Stay tuned for updates!

23-041 Penne will have her first birthday on June 18th and we're excited that she can celebrate with us! She is an owner surrender from the San Antonio area who was surrendered because she didn't fit with the owners' lifestyle. Penne spent most of her time outside, coming inside with her and spending the night in her crate. She is with her GRR foster family and is enjoying life as an indoor dog. Welcome to GRR Penne!



23-042 Bucky is a 21-month-old owner surrender from Devine, Texas. Like most Golden who find their way to us, Bucky has his own sad story to tell. His original family had a baby and the mom was diagnosed with cancer shortly thereafter. After her passing, the dad was left alone with two small children to care for and there wasn't enough time in the day. Bucky has been to board and train for some initial training to set him up for success and we look forward to learning more about Bucky's personality.

23-043 Sophia is a beautiful 6-year-old owner surrender. She loves to swim and ADORBS car rides. If she sees the keys in your hand, she begins barking in excitement and runs out the door to the car. She is just a totally wonderful, sweet girl and her foster says she has a lovely calm presence.

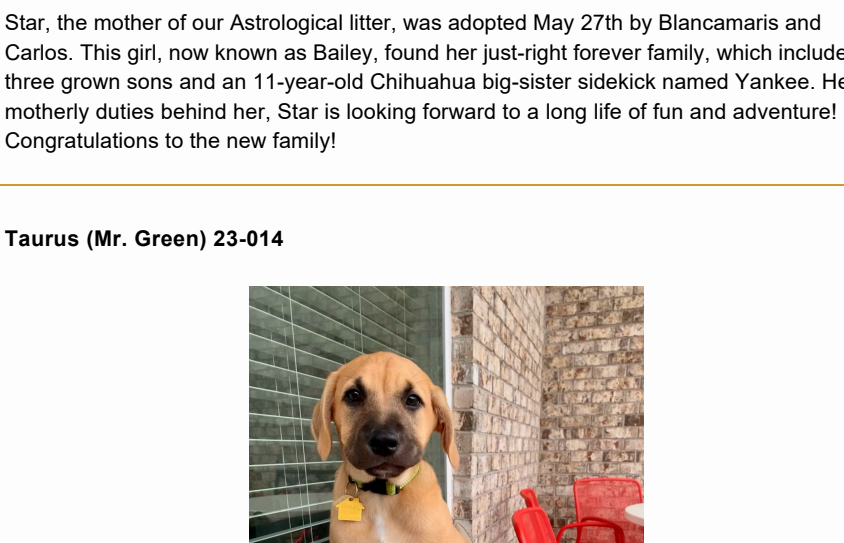


23-045 Zaya is an older gal who was a founding from the San Antonio area. The name Zaya means hope and destiny and she is absolutely precious. She was being fostered through the Bexar County Animal Shelter and the shelter agreed to release her to GRR for medical and dental treatment and spay. Zaya is with her very experienced foster family and will soon be undergoing medical treatment for several ailments. We're so glad that she's a GRR Gal now!



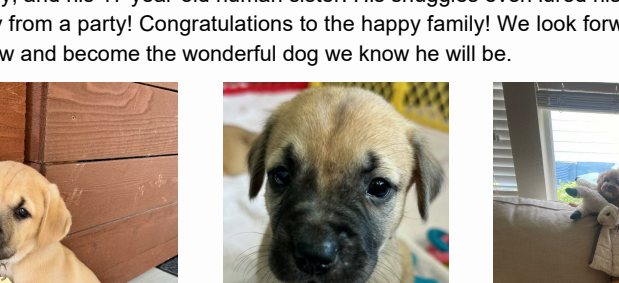
Adopted!

Mystic 23-034

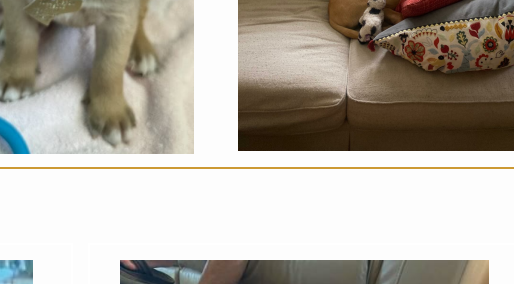


It is our great pleasure to announce the May 4th adoption of Mystic, now known as Ivy, by Pierre and Ann. They are so excited to have her as a new family member. Mystic has been a joy and such a good girl and she and their greyhound rescue, Snooper, get along great! Congratulations to all!

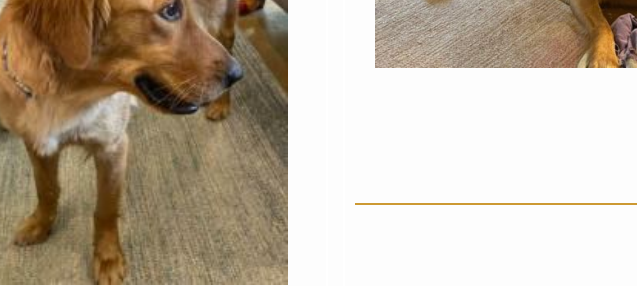
Travis 23-030



Travis was adopted on May 6th by Stacy and Joel. They and their Golden girl, Piper, are thrilled that he is now officially a member of the family! It looks like he's already settled in nicely!



Echo 23-035



Such great news! Echo was adopted on May 18th by long-time GRR volunteer Karen and her Golden, Buddy. This is a sweet match for sure! Many adventures and much love are in Echo's future!

Hulk 22-077



Hulk was adopted on May 10th by Chris and Noah and they couldn't be happier to make it official. Hulk has been an FPA with Chris and Noah since January and they saw him through hip replacement surgery and his long road to recovery. Hulk is a true gem and is much loved by his new family. Congratulations to them all!

Bronx 23-039

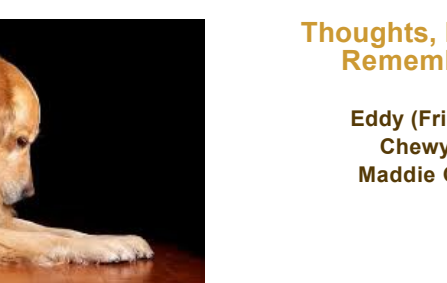


Hooray for Bronx (or Charlie as he has always been called) who was adopted on May 26th by Erik and Marlyse. It was love at first sight and they and daughter Emma adored him from the beginning. We're not sure what anyone would NOT love about this adorable boy! Congratulations to all!

Kimber 16-095

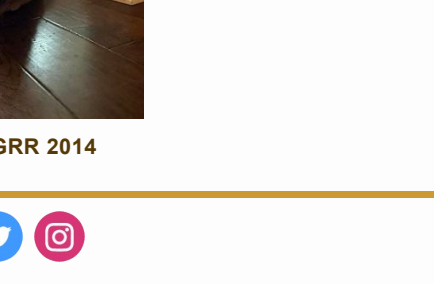
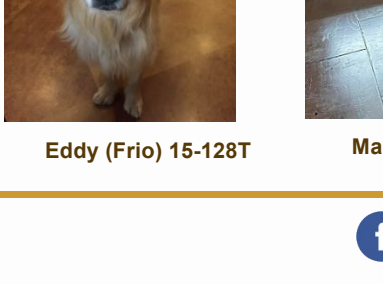


We're so happy to share that sweet Kimber was adopted by her FPA family, Paul and Rose, on May 27th. You may recall that Kimber came back to GRR in January because her first GRR mom had severe medical issues and could no longer care for her. We could not have imagined a better second GRR family for her. She is one happy girl, rolling around in her new yard. What a cutie! Congratulations to the new family!



Once a GRR dog, always a GRR dog. Promise kept!

Star 23-010



Yankee and Star (above)

Beloved Star with Carlos (left)

Star, the mother of our Astrological litter, was adopted May 27th by Blancamaris and Carlos. This girl, now known as Bailey, found her just-right forever family, which includes three grown sons and an 11-year-old Chihuahua. Star is looking forward to a long life of fun and adventure! Congratulations to the new family!

Taurus (Mr. Green) 23-014



Taurus (Mr. Green), who is now known as Mr. Peanut Butter, was adopted on May 30th by Laurie and Rahm. Taurus is the last Astrological pup adoption, but he thinks it was worth the wait! He is already a beloved member of the family, which includes his four-legged big sister, Moby, and his 17-year-old human sister. His snuggles even lured his human sister home early from a party! Congratulations to the happy family! We look forward to watching Taurus grow and become the wonderful dog we know he will be.

Alina 23-037

Alina was adopted by her FPA dad, Keith, on May 30th, and we couldn't be happier for them. Alina (Moon Pie) had quite the trek from Laredo to Austin, but she did well during transport and has been settling in well with her fosters and now her new dad. This Golden Girl has lots of love to share and now has her new dad to share it with. Run and play Alina and have fun! Congratulations to Alina and Keith.

ABOUT DOGS

RAWHIDE

THE CHEMICALLY-LADEN DANGEROUS CHEW TOY

Why so dangerous? Aside from all the dogs that have lost their lives to intestinal blockages, the fear recall by the FDA found that rawhide is a "chemical chewing agent" called **quaternary ammonium (QAQs)** in these harmful chews. And more recently, scientists have discovered a chemical used to whiten rawhides, **titanium dioxide** is a **genotoxin** and may damage your dog's DNA.

In Memoriam - Eddy (Frio) 15-128T

Allan Walner and Cyndie Nelson-Walner

Our beloved Eddy crossed over the Rainbow Bridge yesterday (May 16, 2023). Eddy was among the first group of Turkey Dogs that GRR saved from the streets of Istanbul in 2005. He was known then as Frio, 15-128T. We renamed him Eddy, after the Deep Eddy Pool, another Texas landmark that has special significance to us.

We will be forever grateful to the wonderful people in GRR that brought Eddy into our lives and provided Allan, Elliott (GRR 16-002) and I so much love and joy for many years. We miss him so much.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Eddy (Frio) 15-128T

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Maddie GRR 2014

Eddy (Frio) 15-128T

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